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| Filed: July 24, 2000   | ) CLARIFICATION ON THE CERTIFICATION ) OF THE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE |
| Atty. File No.: 4811-9   | ) STATEMENT SUBMITTED JULY 19, 2007                                  |
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Applicant would like to clarify the IDS of July 19, 2007, should have checked only the certification box corresponding to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2) and not the "None" box, as Applicant believed the certification was appropriate at the time of filing the IDS (i.e., July 19, 2007).

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